

COOLAMON ROTARY CLUB INC.

November is Rotary Foundation Month

Bulletin # 21 Meeting of the 29th November 2010



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{This bulletin prepared by John Glassford.}

Members Present: 14*** Make-ups 3*****Top Effort Everyone!**

Includes Leslie Weston and Paul Weston from Coolamon our new members.

Attendance 89%

Visiting Rotarian Kevin Farrelly from the Rotary Club of Holbrook.

2 Guests: Sue Chapman and Marilyn Jennings.

Guest Speaker Leslie Weston.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ian Durham welcomed our guests and our members. Ian gave our new members Leslie and Paul Weston a special welcome.

Ian advised the meeting of a Christmas BBQ for all clubs in Group 5 to be held on Sunday December 5th in Wagga Wagga: venue Wagga Wagga Boat Club: time 12 midday. BYO meat drinks or buy drinks from the Boat Club. All club members are very welcome.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

John Glassford read out the correspondence and of note:

- Letters of thanks for our annual donations from St Michaels Primary and Marrar Public Schools.
- Letter from The World Festival of Magic (Circus Quirkus) looking for sponsorship of up to \$500 for 10 terminally ill, severely disabled and disadvantaged children from the local area to attend the Magic Show. Members agreed to send \$200.
- Bulletins, Wagga Wagga, Wagga Wagga Koorringal.
- Bulletin Henry's Herald from RC of Milford, Auckland New Zealand.
- Bulletin RC Parkwood Gold Coast.
- Bulletins RC Wagga Wagga Sunrise, RC Temora, RC Junee.
- RYDA Newsletter for November (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness).

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Henk Hulsman advised the meeting of the state of our bank accounts and term deposits. The club is in a healthy state, finance wise.

SERVICE PROJECTS REPORT.

Ray Foley reminded those rostered on re their duties.

Bingo Thursday December 9th; on are: **Ian Durham, Marg Perkin, John Glassford and Ian Jennings.**

Decision has been made that the next bingo night will be on Thursday February 10th 2011.

Community Day and Monster Raffle committee not set up as yet. Grahame Miles and Ian Jennings to hold a meeting to start planning the work required and personnel needed for 2011.

FOUNDATION REPORT.

Ian Jennings has put in our club's bid to host the GSE Team from the Philippines next year.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION.

Marg Perkin advised the meeting that the annual Christmas Party is set for Saturday December 11th at President Ian's home. Marg will call as many former members of our club and invite them to join us at Ian's. Children will as always be very welcome. Cost \$25 per head and \$5 per head for children, Marg expects 30 members, past members, partners and children to be there.

Marg handed out a flyer to promote the day.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

1. Fire in Ganmain

Neil Munro requested assistance for the Dedini family from Ganmain who lost their house this week from a fire. The meeting decided to send \$500 via Bill Thompson.

2. UPDATE on Proposed New Dinner Badges

John Glassford handed out the art work to those members present for proof reading for accuracy. Paul Weston offered to help with the art work, much appreciated.

Dick Jennings our Sergeant @ Arms, conducted another excellent fines session as usual no one was spared and nothing was sacred. Marilyn Jennings won the step ladder.

3. Bulletin Editor

John Glassford requested help to prepare and distribute the bulletin each week, especially when not in Coolamon or Ganmain. Paul Weston offered his help which will be gladly accepted.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

GUEST SPEAKER ROTARIAN Dr. LESLIE WESTON.

SUBJECT: *Agriculture, Trade and History in Yunnan Province – the Real Shangri-La.*



Welcome to the Coolamon Rotary Club, Rotarians Paul & Leslie Weston and daughter Nicole.
PLUS: Theo their Appaloosa stallion seen above.

The Westons have a great web site see below:

<http://www.cayugaridgeranch.com>

Below is a map of Yunnan Province where Leslie visited very recently. Yunnan has Vietnam, India, Tibet, Myanmar, Laos and Thailand as neighbours. The capital is Kunming City which is a sister city of Wagga Wagga. Population of Kunming City is 3 million. The province has a population of 6 million in total.

Kunming is the city of eternal spring and Yunnan Province means South of the clouds and is one of the most geographically varied of China's provinces, from tropical rainforest to snow-capped mountains.



Leslie was invited to Yunnan province to help them with their weed control problems. Leslie is a highly regarded plant biologist and specialises in weed research. Leslie's talk was one of the best this club has had and was full of interest to all of us. Leslie covered so many subjects in her talk which was well received by all present. Ian Jennings gave Leslie a vote of thanks and a kangaroo money pouch.

THANKS LESLIE FOR A GREAT TALK AND WELCOME AGAIN TO YOU AND PAUL TO COOLAMON.



Yuantong Temple in YunNan province, China. It is the largest Buddhist complex in Kunming City, above.

Yunnan province is home to 17,000 of China's 30,000 plant species. Leslie's talk covered her work in Yunnan and one of the most invasive weeds called Mile a Minute or *Mikania micrantha*, was impressive, and Leslie told us that it is now in Northern Queensland. (below)



The Shilin Stone forest above was of great interest: The Yi people also created a very positive impression

There was so much to Leslie's talk, space prevents justice to her effort.



Leslie Weston being thanked by Ian Jennings



The Jade in stone; simply stunning



Tea from Yunnan China



"Professor Craig" evaluates rare china!

REMINDERS

N.B. President Elect and Board for 2011-2012 NOW VERY VERY URGENT.

The AGM is set for next Monday December 6th Please think about nominating the board for 2011-2012 as this matter needs to be settled very soon and positions required are as follows:

President 2011-2012 ????????????

President Elect 2012-2013

Secretary **John Glassford has put his hand up for secretary again**

Treasurer

Directors Club Administration

Membership
Service Projects
Foundation
Youth New Generations
Vice-President {Immediate Past President) **Ian Durham.**

DIARY:

1st December World AIDS Day RFFA's Lunch Bag Project.

5th December Sunday Group 5 Christmas Party at the Wagga Wagga Boat club 12 noon.

6th Monday December 2010 Annual General Meeting.

11th Saturday December Annual Christmas Party.

29th January 2011 Coolamon Street Raffle.

10th February Bingo starts again.

23rd February 2011 Rotary's 106th Birthday.

7th Monday March 2011 Coolamon Rotary Club's 40th BIRTHDAY PARTY MEETING. N.B.!

21st -24th March RYDA in Wagga Wagga (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness).

1-3 April 2011 District 9700 Conference Orange

11-16th April R.Y.L.A. in Parkes (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 18-25 years old.)

17th Sunday April Coolamon Community Day.

9th May Monday Monster Raffle Draw in Coolamon.

21-25 May 2011 Rotary International Convention in New Orleans

1 July 2011 Coolamon's 40th Change Over Dinner {Friday Night}

16th July Mountains of the Moon Summit.

ROSTERS:

Bingo Thursday December 9th: Ian Durham, Marg Perkin, John Glassford, Ian Jennings.

- **Caravan Park 26th November Max Chapman and Mark Reardon**
- **Caravan Park 3rd December Mark Reardon and John Glassford**
- **Caravan Park 10th December John Glassford and Garth Perkin**

******* Please check the web site under rosters for the updated roster list.**

COOLAMON ROTARY CLUB WEB SITE: <http://www.coolamonrotary.com>

Rotarians For Fighting AIDS: <http://www.rffa.org>

The Orphan Rescue Kit Africa: <http://theork.com>

Mountains of the Moon Climb 2011: <http://www.mountainsofthemoon.org>